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I look forward to working with Senators LUGAR, BIDEN, CHAFFEE and LEAHY as this legislation proceeds through the Senate.

CARLSON COMPANIES A PRIVATE COMPANY WITH A PUBLIC CONSCIENCE

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, on March 23, 4,500 individuals recognized the outstanding 60 year contribution of a leader in the Minnesota and American business community, who transformed the hospitality industry from a small local operation to a spectacular international enterprise. More importantly, this distinguished party will celebrate the contribution of an individual who has been a leader in his community and has created an example of community commitment that could well be followed by many American businesses. This special event will honor the anniversary of Carlson Companies and its founder Curt Carlson.

Some of my colleagues may well know the history of Carlson Companies and Curt Carlson. With a \$55 loan, Curt began his business career by starting a trading stamp company, Gold Bond Stamps. While trading stamps, a merchandise enhancement product, had already been in use, it was Curt Carlson and his growing company that expanded their use to include grocery stores, gas stations and other independent merchants and made collecting trading stamps a household occupation.

From that base, Curt Carlson entered the hospitality industry with the acquisition of the Radisson Hotel—now a proud international name in quality hospitality around the globe.

Curt Carlson diversified his corporation and expanded into other areas such as creative restaurants with entertainment themes. Now, after over 60 years in the business, Carlson Companies currently comprise over 100 corporations world wide and the company's brands employ 147,000 people in more than 140 countries. In 1997, Carlson Company's brands generated \$20 billion in revenue system wide.

The success of Carlson Companies as measured by its size, the number of employees, or profit is impressive. However, a true measure of Curt Carlson and Carlson Companies should also be their commitment to the local community. This commitment is reflected in the motto of Carlson Companies—"Private Companies with a Public Conscience." It was Curt Carlson and other Minnesota business leaders who established the Minnesota Keystone Club, pledging to give five percent of their earnings to non-profits. These efforts have greatly added to the quality of life and caring in their communities and throughout Minnesota. This commitment has become the nationwide standard.

While Carlson Companies have been active throughout our community. Curt Carlson has been a strong supporter and advocate for public higher education. The University of Minnesota, through the help of Curt Carlson has established the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. This renowned center of political science, identified with Minnesota's beloved Senator and a personal friend of Curt, features the "Carlson Lecture Series" which brings influential national and international leaders to the University to speak to the students and the general public. In addition, personal gifts from Curt Carlson has allowed the University of Minnesota to embark on "The Minnesota Campaign" with the goal of making the University of Minnesota as one of the top 5 public universities in the nation and to build a new, modern Carlson School of Management facility.

Mr. Speaker, in this time of faceless conglomerates and merger mania among corporate giants, it is a pleasure to recognize the contributions of Carlson Companies. The 60 year record of success is an appropriate tribute to Carlson Companies leader, Curt Carlson. Curt Carlson has shaped the culture and business practices of our great state of Minnesota. His commitment has made a real difference for today and certainly for the future of Minnesota and our nation. Curt Carlson's leadership and commitment to his community provides an example to emulate.

TRIBUTE TO BILL SCOTT

HON. J.D. HAYWORTH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Bill Scott, an outstanding leader in the agricultural community in Arizona and President of the Family Farm Alliance, a grassroots organization serving irrigated agriculture throughout the West. After serving the Alliance diligently and responsibly for the past eight years, Mr. Scott is stepping down from the presidency. I want to take this occasion to honor him for his long service to his fellow farmers and ranchers.

Bill has been involved with agriculture his entire life. He farms in the Maricopa Stanfield area of Arizona and is in partnership with his two sons, Colin and Craig, under the name of Marathon Farming Company, which includes El Dorado Ranches CJ & L Farms and MFC Farms. These farms encompass approximately 6,000 acres of planted cotton, wheat, and alfalfa.

Under Bill's leadership, the Family Farm Alliance was founded eight years ago by farmers from California and Arizona who needed a coordinated way to meet directly with legislators and their staff in Washington, D.C. on federal water policy issues. At its inception, the Alliance was a handful of individuals representing only two western states with a determined purpose. Bill has been an instrumental part of the Alliance's growth from a small group to the large and well respected organization that it is today. The Alliance now has members representing 13 western states.

In addition to serving as the President of the Alliance, Bill also is the Director of the Maricopa Flood Control District. In the past he has served as the head of the Maricopa Stanfield Irrigation District, Cotton Incorporated, the Board of Arizona Cotton Growers Association, and many other organizations.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay tribute to Mr. Bill Scott. His service to the Family Farm Alliance, the State of Arizona and western agriculture is greatly appreciated. I wish him all the best.

HONORING FILIPINA S. MACAHILIG

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to note the passing of a woman whose loving care for her family and community spanned half the world, for over half a century.

Filipina S. Macahilig began life in Manila, graduating from the University of the Philippines before working as a nurse through World War II. The children at the schools on Panay Island were comforted by her tender and competent care.

At war's end, Ms. Macahilig moved to the United States, first to San Francisco and then to the Monterey Peninsula, where she continued to care for the ill and infirm. She and her beloved husband Edel raised her large family: four sons, Rene, Felicisimo, Requirio and Edilberto, and four daughters, Alice, Bernadette, Suzanne and Teresita, all of whom graduated with highest honors and became outstanding members of their communities. Her warmth extended outwards into the community through her service as a longtime member and officer of the Filipino Community Organization of the Monterey Peninsula. She replenished her spirit at the Carmel Mission Basilica where she was a faithful parishioner. She cared for her fourteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren with her own special kind of gentle compassion, providing a model of humanity that they will carry with them always.

Her death at the age of 87 was a loss, but her generous spirit will continue to warm and nurture the community through the memories she has left with us.